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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hitoshi IRINO

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING SAME

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**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

We have recently received the Notice of Allowance in the above-identified case. In reviewing form PTOL-37, the undersigned notes that the number of allowed claims is stated as 1-41. However, the number of claims allowed should be Claims 1-16 and 26-41.

Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner issue a corrected form PTOL-37 indicating that the number of allowable Claims in this application is 32, Claims 1-16 and 26-41.

Respectfully submitted,

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